

The PVRC Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE: Monday, July 14, 1986

QTH of N2FB, directions below

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Video Show: The K6UA Story

Contests: July 12 - 13, IARU HF Championship
July 19 - 20, CQ WW VHF WPX
July 19 - 20, Colombian, Phone & CW
July 19 - 20 SEANET (Asian)
July 26 - 27 Amadillo Run/County Hunters, CW

August meeting will be at the QTH of the new W3LPL on Monday evening, August 11, in Howard County. Complete directions will be included in next month's notice.

September meeting will be the annual election meeting and will be held in Temple Hills, Maryland.

It was nice to see so many members at the June meeting, including some who we rarely see at meetings. Dick Klein, K4GKD, was there to announce that he is moving to Florida. And last week Tom, K3TW, was worked from both Bombay, India on Sunday and from Kathmandu, Nepal the following Saturday. Twenty in the evenings has been pretty respectable for over-the-pole work.

We are still in the market for ideas for a new PVRC awards program, and also for ideas for stimulating club activity in the contests this fall. If you have any ideas on either subject, or are willing to serve on a committee to make a proposal to the club on each of these topics, please let me know as soon as possible. September is just around the corner!

I was out of town on PVRC reunion weekend, but I understand that many of you were on. Don't forget to mail your logs, or bring them to the next meeting.

Your comments on the questionnaire included with the last Bulletin concerning ARRL contests are being submitted directly to the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee. Thank-you for returning them. If you still have not done so, and wish to register your opinion or comments, it's not too late: send them to me at 9763 Oleander Avenue, Vienna, VA 22180, or bring to the next meeting and I will forward them to the committee.



DIRECTIONS TO JULY MEETING AT QTH OF N2FB

Meeting location: 1008 Lee Jackson Dr, Lothian, MD 20711, phone 627-1166.

From the Capitol Beltway, exit at Rt 4 (Penn. Ave.) south/east towards Upper Marlboro. Go for 9 miles and you will cross over Rt 3/301. Go 2 more miles and exit left at Rt 408 north towards Wayson's Corner/Annapolis. At the traffic light go straight, not right. Proceed 1 mile past the light and on the right is Lee Jackson Drive. The house is on the left.

From Rt 3/Baltimore, take Rt 3 south to Rt 4, follow directions as above.

JUNE MEETING de KC8C

Members present: K3ZJ, KC8C, WA3TAI, W3HHG, N3JT, N2FB, WB3JRU, N3GB, WD4AXM, W3XE, K3ZO, W6AXX, K3RV, K4GKD, W3LPL N4MM, W4GF, W3FG, and guest WP4J. The June meeting was held at the QTH of K3ZJ. The meeting started at 7:47 PM with introductions of those present. N4MM circulated a CAC questionnaire. WP4J, a prospective new PVRC member who has recently moved into our area, gave a description of the NP4A and KP4B2 contest stations. W3LPL gave a status report on the towers at his new QTH. (As of June 28, 2 towers are at 190', 1 is at 140', 1 is at 120', and 3 are at 45'.) Ray Kowalaki, Chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau, Special Service's Division, gave a very interesting talk on numerous recent FCC actions. One of the items discussed was a proposal for the ARRL handling the assignment of amateur call signs. An informal poll of those present showed the club 75/25 in favor of the idea. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

LETTER TO PVRC FROM W2GD

The following was received from John Crovelli, W2GD, who, operating as VP2MGD, won the Single Operator, North America CW plaque sponsored by the PVRC in the 1985 ARRL DX CW contest.

I just received the Single Operator, North America CW plaque for the 1985 ARRL DX Contest during which I operated from the island of Montserrat as VP2MGD. It is truly a beautiful award and it will find a good home on the wall of my new ham shack.

A little background on the trip. It was a family vacation planned just after the 1984 CQWW CW contest. I originally rented a house owned by Chod Harris, VP2ML, but local problems with the caretaker necessitated finding alternate lodgings upon arrival on Montserrat. Bobby and Mae Martin, VP2MO and VP2MN, were extremely helpful and we eventually took residence at a home on the western side of the island owned by VE1YX. The house came with an A-3 tribander at 30 feet. I managed to put up a 38 foot mast from which inverted vees for 160, 80 and 40 were mounted. A 600 foot listening wire was strung out down the road. The location offered a panoramic view of the Caribbean, the house being 450 feet above the sea and one half mile inland. Equipment consisted of a TS830S and an MLA2500 linear. I also had an FT757 and SB200 available for backup.